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SUBJECT: RESTORATION OF PORTUGUESE RIGHTS IN ITU

REF: GENEVA 1335

1. USG REPLIED TO ITU REQUEST BY LETTER DATED FEB. 25
ADDRESSED TO RICHARD BUTLER, DEPUTY SYG, ITU. REPLY
SENT TO BUTLER AS HE HAD SIGNED OUTGOING LETTER
FROM ITU TO MEMBER STATES REQUESTING THEIR VIEWS.

2. TEXT OF US REPLY AS FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. BUTLER:

THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 504/RM/
ACT/PORT., DATED DECEMBER 30, 1974, IN WHICH YOU NOTE
RESOLUTION 30 OF THE MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS PLENIPOTENTIARY
CONFERENCE, WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF EXCLUDING THE
GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL FROM THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
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AND FROM ALL OTHER CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNION.

YOUR LETTER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS VIEWS OF MEMBERS AS TO WHETHER CONDITIONS SINCE THE CONFERENCE HAVE ALTERED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL COULD BE INVITED TO ALL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE UNION.

AS NOTED ON PAGE 19 OF THE SUMMARY RECORDS (DOC. 154-E) OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES VIEWS THE MEASURES TAKEN TO DEPRIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL OF SOME OF ITS RIGHTS AS A MEMBER OF THE ITU AS A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ITU CONVENTION OF MONTREUX AND WITHOUT LEGAL FOUNDATION.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES WILL SUPPORT ANY APPROPRIATE MEASURE TO RESTORE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL ALL OF ITS LEGAL RIGHTS AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN J. O'NEILL, JR.
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

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